

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2002

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on November 25, 2002 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

In the absence of a quorum, President Jernigan called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:06 a.m, followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Dunbar
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey

(Commissioner Rodriguez joined the meeting.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan reported the following:

- The election of Representative Nancy Pelosi as the first female Minority Leader was a milestone for women. In addition, Linda Sanchez will join her sister Loretta Sanchez as a Representative in Congress.
- The Commission sent a letter to the Glendale City Council in support of establishing a women's commission in Glendale.
- Letters were sent to some Commissioners addressing concerns brought up at the Commission Retreat about member participation and attendance at Commission meetings.
- Vice President Mariajimenez will be the chair of the Awards Luncheon Committee and Commissioner Becerra-Jones will represent the Commission on the County's Multicultural Conference Planning Committee.

(Commissioners Cooperman and Creary joined the meeting, constituting a quorum.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Dunbar, and duly carried, with Commissioner Mummey abstaining, the minutes of October 28, 2002 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lesser reported that expenditures for October, 2002 were \$1,427.32, leaving a balance of \$34,787.27 in the Commissioner's Fund and a spending allocation of \$4,348.41 for Commissioners for November 2002. On motion of Commissioner Dunbar, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- The 5K Run/Walk scholarship reception and orientation will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2003.
- Vice President Maria Jimenez has been reappointed to a two-year term expiring in 2004.
- Members of the public recently testified before the Board of Supervisors on establishing a commission for men. Because of a current lawsuit against the County on the matter, Commissioners were advised not to comment on the subject.
- Supervisor Knabe recently announced that a new, easy-to-remember phone number for the Safe Haven Hotline has been established, (877) BABY-SAFE.
- The Long Beach Courthouse has established a child care waiting room called "The Kid's Place," using the office space donated by Supervisor Knabe.

PRESENTATION ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WOMEN'S BUREAU

Ms. Kelly Jenkins-Pultz, Program Development Specialist, presented an overview of the activities of the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau in Southern California. Based in San Diego, the local bureau provides programs to assist working women and to help unemployed women gain access to the workforce. The bureau also provides statistics on women in the workforce. She noted that less than half of women have a pension plan and that 9 out of 10 women will need support themselves at some point in their lives.

(Commissioner Carpenter McMillan joined the meeting).

The bureau's main initiatives include enhancing financial security, promoting family time and workplace flexibility and addressing worker and skills shortages. To promote financial security, the bureau conducts financial security workshops in partnership with local colleges. The bureau is also planning focus groups in the Los Angeles area in February 2003 to discuss barriers for older workers in the workplace. She requested Commissioners to suggest corporations that could be involved in these focus groups.

In addition, the bureau promotes women's non-traditional career development through an e-mentoring program called GEM-SET (Girls E-Mentoring in Science, Engineering and Technology). In this program women professionals in science and technology mentor young women interested in pursuing careers in these fields. For more information access the website www.gem-set.org. Other career development programs include a summer camp for girls, grants for women in non-traditional occupations, and a conference for women entrepreneurs.

After President Jernigan thanked her for her informative presentation, Commissioners requested that she forward to staff information on women's labor programs in Los Angeles County.

WRITE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PASADENA COMMISSION HOSTING NACW CONVENTION

Roxanne Mayo-Turner, Chair of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, requested that the Commission write a letter to the NACW in support of the Pasadena Commission hosting the NACW Convention in 2004.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Carpenter McMillan, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and unanimously carried, the Commission will write a letter to the NACW in support of the Pasadena Commission hosting the NACW Convention in 2004.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND UPDATE COMMITTEE BYLAWS

President Jernigan reviewed a chart outlining the new committee structure and announced the following chairs, first vice-chairs and second vice-chairs for the standing committees:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>First Vice-Chair</u>	<u>Second Vice-Chair</u>
Finance	President Jernigan	Vice President Mariajimenez	Treasurer Lesser
Older Women's Issues	Commissioner Mummey	Commissioner Cooperman	Commissioner Dunbar
Media/Public Relations	Commissioner Morgan	Treasurer Lesser	Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan
Legislative	Vice President Mariajimenez	Commissioner Becerra-Jones	Commissioner Cooperman
Health	Commissioner Creary	Commissioner Rodriguez	Commissioner Dunbar

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Maria Jimenez, seconded by Commissioner Dunbar, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the new committee structure and instructed staff to update the committee bylaws to reflect the changes.

By unanimous consent, the Commission agreed to place on the next agenda discussion on setting dates for committee meetings.

PRESENTATION ON WOMEN'S ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Commissioner Carpenter McMillan introduced Ms. Lisa Love, Senior Associate Athletics Director, University of Southern California Department of Athletics. Ms. Love explained the growth and development of women's athletic programs at U.S.C. and throughout the country. Originally appointed the women's volleyball coach, she became the Senior Associate Athletics Director in 1991.

Since women's participation in NCAA competition began in 1981, women's college athletics has grown dramatically. At U.S.C. 300 women participate in ten sports teams and 48% of the athletics department staff are women. This growth of women's sports has increased societal acceptance of women's strength, self-esteem and leadership. In addition to participating as athletes, women are also supporting women's sports by donating to sports programs and attending women's sporting events.

In response to an inquiry, she explained that U.S.C. has met Title 9 requirements for parity between men's and women's sports by expanding women's sports programs rather than cutting men's programs. Due to funding shortfalls, however, many colleges and universities have cut some men's sports teams to meet the Title 9 requirements. To address the Title 9 issues, the Bush Administration has formed a Title 9 Commission.

President Jernigan thanked Ms. Love for her informative presentation.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND ALTERNATES

On motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Dunbar, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved 10 additional scholarship recipients and 7 alternate scholarship recipients.

The Commission tabled Agenda Item #11 to a future meeting.

RENEWAL OF SWEATSHOP WATCH MEMBERSHIP

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Treasurer Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure of \$25.00 to renew its Sweatshop Watch membership for the 2003 Fiscal Year.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY GATHERING

Jim Corbett, Executive Office, announced that the following domestic violence shelters would receive \$200.00 grants from the Commission at its Holiday Gathering and Domestic Violence Presentations on December 9, 2002:

First District	1736 Family Crisis Center
Second District	The Jenesse Center
Third District	Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Fourth District	Rainbow Services, Ltd.
Fifth District	The Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council/Oasis Center

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter McMillan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure of up to \$400.00 to purchase food for the Holiday Gathering and Domestic Violence Grant Presentations on December 9, 2002. In addition, Commissioners were requested to donate household goods which are new or in good condition. Commissioners requested staff to contact the shelters receiving the grants to find out what types of household items they need most. Donations of household items can be dropped off in the Commission Office, Room 383, by Thursday, December 5, 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Rodriguez introduced Debi Biederman, Jewish Family Service Family Violence Project, who thanked the Commissioners for their involvement in the 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Prevention Awards. She then distributed copies of the Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative 2002 Agency & Services Resource Guide.

Commissioner Creary announced that the Eisner Heart Study was seeking participants to find out if they are at risk for heart disease. Participants must be either men ages 45-80 or women ages 55-80. For more information call the Study Coordinator at (310) 423-4327.

She also announced that low-income women over 14 may qualify for a referral for a free pap smear. For more information call Roslyn Orellana at (323) 777-3120. Also, the Tumi Ma Program offers counseling for family members affected by domestic violence and referrals for childcare and job development. Contact Dr. Ivra at (323) 777-3120 for more information.

Legislative Committee

Treasurer Lesser reported that Vice President Mariajimenez had spoken with Assembly Member Carol Liu, who requested information on barriers for women in accessing

health care. She also announced that the Legislative Committee will meet next month to brainstorm needs and that the next Awards Luncheon Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 9, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Office.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced that DPSS has requested assistance in explaining to some TANF recipients that their funding will be terminated in June 2003.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Genevieve Clavreul requested copies of reports distributed to Commissioners at the meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq., Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
June Dunbar
Lila Morgan
Janet Mummey, Esq
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Reiko Duba
Barbara Perkins

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Steve Erickson, Executive Office
Audra Galang, Executive Office
Karen M. Johnson, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Holly Thomas, Probation Department

GUESTS

Debi Biederman, Jewish Family Service Family Violence Project
Genevieve Clavreul
Kelly Jenkins-Pultz, U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau
Kiywhanna Kellup, Peace & Joy Care Center
Lisa Love, U.S.C. Department of Athletics
Roxanne Mayo Turner, Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women
Sergio Quintana, KFWB News
Yesceni Ramirez, Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women